

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF MARKET-DOMINANT PRICE
ADJUSTMENT AND CLASSIFICATION CHANGES
RELATED TO MOVE UPDATE ASSESSMENT

Docket No. R2017-7

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO QUESTIONS 1(a)-(b) AND 2(a)-(b) OF CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION
REQUEST NO. 2
(July 14, 2017)**

The Postal Service hereby files its response to the above-listed questions of Chairman's Information Request (ChIR) No. 2, issued on July 7, 2017. The questions are stated verbatim and followed by the response. The responses to questions 1(c) and 2(c) are still being prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Please refer to Library Reference USPS-LR-R2017-7/4, "Census Data Preface."² The Postal Service states that "the [c]ensus data...pertain to the [c]ensus-eligible mailings...."
 - a. Please confirm all mail in a census-eligible mailing must have an Intelligent Mail barcode. If not confirmed, please explain. In addition, please explain all additional requirements for a census-eligible mailing.
 - b. Please confirm that non-automation and single-piece mail are not census-eligible. See Census Data Preface at 3. If confirmed, please list any additional non-census-eligible mail. If not confirmed, please list all non-census-eligible mail.
 - c. Please provide the ratio of census-eligible mailings to total mailings disaggregated by class and by product for the hybrid year. In addition, please include the following data disaggregated by class and product for the hybrid year:
 - i. the total number of census-eligible mailings
 - ii. the total number of census-eligible pieces
 - iii. the total number of mailings
 - iv. the total number of pieces

RESPONSE:

- a. Confirmed. In addition, in order for a mailer to be measured under the census method at least one Full-Service mailing must be presented in a prior month. All subsequent mailings that are entered using electronic documentation (eDoc) are measured using the census method, with the following exceptions. Mailings meeting these requirements are not census-eligible if the eDoc Submitter, Mail Owner, or Mail Preparer is approved for Legal Restraint. Finally, pieces in a census-eligible mailing that are paid at non-automation and single piece rates, and mailpieces that are undeliverable due to an address change that is Temporary,

² Library Reference USPS-LR-R2017-7/4, June 30, 2017, file "Census Data Preface.pdf" (Census Data Preface).

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Foreign, Moved Left No Address (MLNA), and Box Closed No Order
(BCNO) are not included in the census review.³

b. Confirmed. Please see the response to part (a).

c.(i-iv). Responses still being prepared.

³ See Address Quality Census Measurement and Assessment Process, 82 Fed. Reg. 11871, 11872-3 (proposed Feb. 27, 2017).

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2. Please refer to USPS-LR-R2017-7/4, Excel file "Move Update Census Data.xlsx," tab "MERLIN v Census Comparison" (Move Update Census Comparison tab).
 - a. Please refer to columns S through W (under "Census: Eligible Volume") in the Move Update Census Comparison tab and confirm that those columns calculate the Move Update eligible volume under the proposed census method using the subset of mailings which were charged a fee under the MERLIN method and are now census-eligible. If not confirmed, please explain how the "Census: Eligible Volume" is calculated.
 - b. Please confirm that all First-Class and Marketing Mail census-eligible mailings will be verified for Move Update compliance. If not confirmed, please explain all circumstances under which a census-eligible mailing would not be verified for Move Update compliance.
 - c. Please provide the following data, disaggregated by class:
 - i. The total number of pieces, disaggregated by class, for which Move Update compliance would have been verified under the census method in the hybrid year if the census method had been in effect.
 - ii. The total number of pieces, disaggregated by class, for which Move Update fees would have been assessed under the census method in the hybrid year if the census method had been in effect.
 - iii. Revised cap calculation spreadsheets that reflect the total number of pieces, disaggregated by class, for which Move Update fees would have been assessed in the hybrid year under the census method if the census method had been in effect.

RESPONSE:

- a. Confirmed.
- b. Confirmed.
- c.(i-iii). Responses still being prepared.